

SUBJECTS.

Improvement of two roads in Kayankulam.

Providing a ferry to cross over from Munambam to Maliankara, the construction of a road to the Sreenarayana Mangalam temple and the adjacent school, the improvement of the existing village road to the Kuttakali Church, the construction of bridges over the canals intersecting the road and the construction of a bund to ward off the influx of salt water into the river flowing through Thuruthipuram, Kottapuram etc

50. Maintenance of irrigation tanks and canals for purposes of cultivation and for the use of cattle.

the people who brought manure from Ambalapuzha had to take a circuitous way through Kayankulam to get to this place. The maintenance charge of Rs. 18 a mile allotted for this path was insufficient and might very well be stopped and used for its permanent improvement bit by bit.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Kayankulam Trading Classes) proposed that the existing lane running eastward between the northern bazaar and the Kayankulam canal, and another lane from the first one, running southward and meeting the canal on the southern side of it, should be converted into cartable roads. This would greatly facilitate the commerce of the place and increase the material prosperity of the town. He also urged the necessity for repairing three bridges, *viz.*, the Southern bridge, the Fish-market bridge and the Theerthampitcha bridge, and for metalling the pathway from Neendakara to Thottappalli.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Untaman Krishnan (Member, Nominated) said that the cultivation of 2,000 acres of paddy fields in the Puthenchira prowerthy of the Parur taluk had often proved a failure owing to the floods in the monsoon time and to the inrush of salt-water from the Munambam bar during the hot season.

He urged the necessity for constructing a bund at Panthiranpala, which would not only prevent the inrush of salt-water but would also induce the ryots to take up *pudural* lands for cultivation. The Member also urged the necessity for a ferry from Munambam to Maliankara, and from thence a road to go to the Muthukunnam temple and the school. The present village road used by the travelling public to go to the cutcherry, school and other places, was in a miserable condition, and it should be improved with necessary bridges over the Kuriapalli and other canals that intersected it.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaren (Member, Pathanapuram taluk) stated that the people had solely to depend upon rain for their agriculture, the old tanks being neglected and consequently encroached upon by the neighbouring land-owners, and the few streams that existed being far below the level of the fields. He pointed out that, for the last 8 years, the Chingom harvest was ruined for want of water and suggested that the irrigation tanks might be restored and kept in proper condition under the Shencotta Assistant Engineer. To make use of the water in the streams and rivers, the Member suggested

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The need for certain irrigation works in the Vaikom taluk.

that two dams in granite should be constructed, one near Avaneeswarem in the Kanancode canal and the other at Palaman in the Mylam canal, which would irrigate 500 acres of paddy fields lying on both sides of these canals. The Kottarakara people also would be benefited by this. The Member further said that the ryots were even prepared to bear a portion of the expenses.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. P. C. Krishna Pillai (Member, Vaikom taluk) said that the Kaniyanthodu, a canal which ran through the town of Vaikom, was getting silted up and was overflowing its banks during the rainy weather, causing great destruction to the crops in the fields and to the compounds adjoining it. The condition of another canal called Vallayil Thodu, running through the Vechoor *pakuthi*, was also similar. The Member prayed that these two canals should be deepened and repaired. Another necessary work which the Member urged was the putting up of an embankment in the breach, one mile in length, on the southern side of the Pallanthurai river. The breach had happened 12 years ago, and since then it had been a great menace to the cultivators, in that the crops were destroyed during floods and to the travelling public on account of the road having been washed off. Last year the crops of 4,000 paras of field had been destroyed on account of this breach.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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Ambalapuzha taluk.

Mr. S. Parameswara Menon (Member, Ambalapuzha taluk) represented that, for the last 30 years, the flow of brackish water from the Kayenkulam lake was causing serious damage to their fields, especially in the *pakuthies* of Purakad, Ambalapuzha and Alleppey, and that unless and until some remedy was found to check this recurring evil, the fields would become completely barren by the end of four or five years. The Member suggested that (1) all the openings in the Thottapalli Chira be completely closed and a permanent and effective bund be erected, capable enough to obstruct the flow of brackish water, and (2) the outlet from the Kayenkulam lake to the sea be opened in time, say, at least by the end of Meenam. The Member also spoke of the necessity for deepening the canal, 10 miles in length, from Purakad to Chungam at Alleppey, the only canal for the traffic of these places. At present the ryots were put to great difficulties for the transport of their agricultural products through this canal for want of water.

Dewan's reply.—The Government have already given orders about this canal. The estimate is being prepared.